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SUBJECT: MEXICAN NARCOTICS PROGRAM STATISTICS FOR TWELVE
MONTHS ENDING 30 NOVEMBER 1977

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1. ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO TRANS-
MIT TO MS. FALCO AND MESSRS. BELL, BOURNE, AND BENSINGER,
STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF MEXICAN NARCOTICS PROGRAM FOR
PERIOD 01 DECEMBER 1976 TO 30 NOVEMBER 1977. THIS UP-
DATES DATA TRANSMITTED REFTEL. FIGURES FOR MONTH OF
NOVEMBER GIVEN IN PARENTHESIS. COPIES OF REPORT BEING
POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO ADDRESSEES.

2. ERADICATION: 47,063 (4,492) POPPY FIELDS DESTROYED,
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COVERING AREA OF 9,339 (531) HECTARES. 23,764 (571)
MARIJUANA FIELDS DESTROYED, COVERING AREA OF 3,885 (58)
HECTARES. NOTE: ONE HECTARE EQUALS 2.47 ACRES.

3. DRUG SEIZURES: 1,073 (141) NGNS MARIJUANA, 199 (49)
KILOS OPIUM, 274 (25) KILOS HEROIN, 106 (10) KILOS POPPY
SEED, 528 (70) KILOS HASHISH, 7.5 (0.4) TONS MARIJUANA

SEED, 269 (23) KILOS COCAINE, 1.5 (0.49) MILLION DOSAGE UNIT DEPRESSANTS, 5.4 (1.2) MILLION DOSAGE UNITS STIMULANTS, 106 (55) KILOS PEYOTE, 5 (0) KILOS LDS.

4. LABORATORY SEIZURES: 22 (4) HEROIN, 7 (0) OTHER.
5. OTHER SEIZURES: 757 (67) LONG WEAPONS, 1,000 (88) SHORT WEAPONS, 100,832 (4,423) ROUNDS AMMUNITION. 840 (84) LAND VEHICLES, OF WHICH 239 (22) FOREIGN REGISTERED. 55 (5) AIRCRAFT, OF WHICH 32 (3) FOREIGN REGISTERED. FIVE (0) BOATS, ALL FOREIGN.

6. ATTORNEY GENERAL PERSONNEL WORKING ON NARCOTICS: AS OF NOVEMBER 30, ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORTS 12 ZONE COORDINATORS, 240 FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE AGENTS, 52 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL, 75 PILOTS, 80 MECHANICS, 11 ADVISERS, AND 17 SPOTTERS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS PROGRAM, FOR TOTAL OF 487 PEOPLE.

7. ACCORDING TO REPORT, AS OF NOVEMBER 30 ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD 13 BELL 212 HELICOPTERS, 18 BELL 206 HELICOPTERS, 18 SINGLE ENGINE FIXED WING AND 5 TWIN ENGINE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT WORKING ON NARCOTICS. REPORT SHOWS FOUR BELL 212, FIVE BELL 206, TWO SINGLE ENGINE FIXED WING AND ONE TWIN ENGINE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT DOWN FOR MAINTENANCE ON NOVEMBER 30.

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8. NARCOTICS ARRESTS: A TOTAL OF 4,728 (543) INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGES, OF WHICH 216 (23) WERE FOREIGN NATIONALS. A TOTAL OF 369 (39) "TRAFFICKING CELLS" WERE DISMANTLED. (NOTE: "TRAFFICKING CELL" IS DEFINED AS AN ASSOCIATED GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS IN A GIVEN AREA. A MAJOR NETWORK WOULD BE COMPOSED OF A SERIES OF SUCH "CELLS").

9. COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEAR: ACCORDING TO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT, A TOTAL OF 70,827 POPPY AND MARIJUANA FIELDS COVERING AN AREA OF 13,224 HECTARES (32,663 ACRES) WERE DESTROYED DURING PERIOD 01 DEC 1976 TO 30 NOV 1977. SAME REPORT SHOWS TOTAL OF 44,482 POPPY AND MARIJUANA FIELDS COVERING AN AREA OF 10,568 HECTARES (26,103 ACRES) DESTROYED DURING PERIOD 01 DEC 1975 TO 30 NOV 1976. THIS REPRESENTS A 59.2 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FIELDS DESTROYED AND A 25.1 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE SURFACE AREA INVOLVED. DIFFERENCE REFLECTS A REPORTED 21.4 PERCENT DECREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE AVERAGE FIELD. LUCEY

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